

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****August 2, 2016**

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SUBJECT: CHISHOLM TRAIL PARKWAY SPEED LIMITS

The City entered into an Agreement on November 28, 2000 (Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) C-17178 approved on December 8, 1998, City Secretary No. 26411). This Agreement, as subsequently amended (Amendment No. 1, M&C C-20112, City Secretary No. 30547, July 1, 2004; Amendment No. 2, M&C C-20435, City Secretary No. 31117, December 29, 2004; and Amendment No. 3, M&C C-26506, October 15, 2013, assigned certain project development responsibilities among the partners to develop the Chisholm Trail Parkway Project from IH-30 to Dirks Road (Altamesa Boulevard) in south Fort Worth.

The Chisholm Trail Parkway opened to traffic in May, 2014. During this time, staff has become aware of a significant and broad desire by the traveling public to increase the 50 mph speed limit from the Chisholm Trail Parkway between Arborlawn Drive and IH-30. The posted speed limit in this corridor is a contractual obligation provided for in Amendment No. 2 to the City's Agreement with the NTTA and TxDOT concerning the development, construction and operation of the parkway.

On January 12, 2016, the City Council authorized staff to execute Amendment No. 4 with NTTA and TxDOT to remove the 50 mph provision from the Agreement. Since that time, the NTTA has been working on a corridor-wide speed study that will be used to revise, if appropriate, the posted speeds in the corridor based on a state accepted methodology.

The study has been completed and the NTTA is proposing the following speed limit changes in the corridor. As a point of reference, the posted speed for both IH-30 and IH-20 is 60 mph at their intersections with the Chisholm Trail Parkway.

Chisholm Trail Parkway Segment	Current Posted Speed (mph)	Proposed Posted Speed (mph)
IH-30 to University Dr.	50	50
University Dr. to Arborlawn Dr.	50	60
Arborlawn Dr. to Altamesa Blvd.	60	65
Altamesa Blvd. to US 67	70	70

City staff has requested the final report prior to recommending concurrence with the recommendation above and understands that the NTTA staff will brief the NTTA Board of Directors in August as well.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Bryan Beck, P.E. with Transportation & Public Works at 817-392-7909.

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NTTA SPEED STUDY CURRENT & PROPOSED POSTED SPEEDS

